

# MILLIKEN DIGGING IN FOR BATTLE

## McFadden And Staff Decide To Stay On Job

### Keeps Mum About Tax Proposals

#### Will Unveil Entire Plan On Oct. 9

LANSING (AP)—Vowing he's "not going to pull any punches," Gov. William G. Milliken has given aides one week to whip into shape the biggest, but yet unseemly, punch in his education reform plan—his tax proposals.

Milliken expects now to make formal legislative recommendations and reveal fiscal details of his wide ranging plan in an Oct. 9 address before a joint session of the Michigan House and Senate. The two chambers reconvene Monday after a two-month recess.

**GOOD FIGHT**

"We're in for a good fight and we ought to have one," Milliken said Thursday at a news conference. Reaction from legislators, educators and the public left him "reasonably optimistic" and "encouraged," Milliken said. "I couldn't care less whether I get credit or somebody else does."

"But if necessary, I hope we are here singing Christmas carols to each other on Dec. 25—if that's what it takes," the governor added.

Milliken again declined to discuss specific revenue reforms he will ask.

First, to raise some \$186 million he recommends be added to next year's schools budget.

Second for the other, long-range revision in revenue assessment through cuts in the property tax.

"I intend to stick to the present system" of taxing, Milliken said Thursday.

"I will not recommend a graduated income tax."

"For every mill we back away from 24 (the statewide average local assessment) we lost \$35 million," Milliken said. "If we assume the rate would be less than 20 mills (or \$20 per \$1,000 assessed property valuation) that would be \$140 million we'd have to make up."

**CIGARETTE TAX**

Milliken said he might propose "some combination" of taxing methods to meet the added costs. Rep. Martin Butth, R-Comstock Park, assistant minority leader in the House, said recently that Milliken is considering a five-cent increase in the state tax on cigarettes.

There also has been speculation that the state sales tax, now four per cent, might be hiked.

The final plan, Milliken insisted Thursday, "won't be locked up until I walk into the joint session."

Questioned about other controversial recommendations—parochialism and abolition of the State Board of Education—Milliken replied "I recognize that various parts of the bill will have to stand on their own."

Commenting on the parochialism proposal, House Minority Leader Robert Waldron, R-Grosse Pointe, said earlier Thursday, "I sincerely hope that this is separate and will not be a part of the package."

Waldron added, "I believe it is my job to pass as much as we can."

**DEFENDS PLAN**

Milliken defended elimination of the State Board of Education, now elected by popular vote on partisan tickets, as a way to get more direct public accountability.

"The man in the street would finally know where to go with a

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### Three Area Men Earn Bronze Star

#### Covert, Bangor, Paw Paw GIs Are Honored

Three area servicemen have been awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroic action in Vietnam.

They are Army Spec/4 Thomas C. Barker of Bangor, Air Force Sgt. David Aldridge of Covert and former Army Lt. Leland Chase of Paw Paw.

Sgt. Aldridge is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Turman of route 1, Covert. He was decorated with the Bronze Star with "V" device for valor for his actions on a military airlift in Vietnam near Kontum Army Airfield. According to Air Force officials, elements of a hostile force launched a large scale attack on the airfield and a nearby military assistance command compound. Sgt. Aldridge braved intense small arms and mortar fire to unload a C-130 Hercules aircraft and deliver the cargo to the compound. His voluntary actions enabled the critically needed supplies to be delivered.

He was presented the medal during ceremonies at K.I. Sawyer AFB, Mich., where he is assigned in a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

**STAR ATHLETE**

He is a 1963 graduate of Covert high school, where he was named outstanding senior athlete. His wife, Doris, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Baber of route 1, Covert.

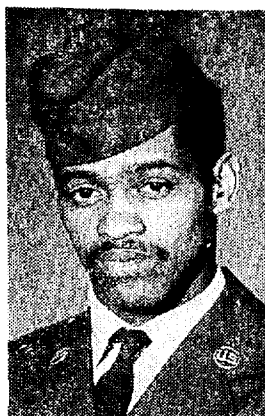
Spec/4 Barker received his medal during ceremonies near Cu Chi, Vietnam. He is the son of Mrs. Lois Barker of Bangor and Walter Barker of Bloomington.

He was cited for heroism in action while engaged in ground operations against a hostile force in Vietnam. A rifleman with Company C, 2nd Battalion of the 25th Infantry Division's 27th Infantry, he entered the Army in July of 1963 and was stationed at Ft. Polk, La., before arriving overseas.

**NOW CIVILIAN**

Former Army First Lieutenant Leland A. Chase, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland M. Chase, route 2, Paw Paw, received the Bronze Star medal near Pleiku, Vietnam, prior to being discharged.

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SGT. DAVID ALDRIDGE  
Covert



SPEC/4 THOMAS BARKER  
Bangor



LT. LELAND CHASE  
Paw Paw

### Dogs Cause Problems

Dog days of summer have passed, but live canine problems have intensified with the opening of schools, according to David Sutherland, a Berrien county dog warden.

Sutherland said 33 tickets were issued in Berrien county last month against persons who allowed their dogs to run at large. School grounds are a magnet for dogs, which creates problems of safety and nuisance.

Thirteen persons were ticketed in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph by Sutherland whose regular beat is the Twin Cities. He said offenders paid fines and costs of \$16 each. The fines escalate after the first arrest.

### Will Fight For Parity In District

#### Gets Standing Ovation From Supporters

By JIM SHANAHAN  
BH City Editor

Gene McFadden said last night he and his staff of community education coordinators will stay and fight for their program to be placed on parity with other administrative jobs in the Benton Harbor school district.

More than 250 persons packed the gymnasium of Seely McCord school and gave McFadden a standing ovation to dissuade him from resigning as assistant superintendent for community education.

McFadden and six community education coordinators are in a prestige and salary squabble with Supt. Mark Lewis and the board of education. They had threatened to resign if demands aren't met.

They charge that salary schedules adopted Monday by the board of education made them inferior to other administrators and are "an insult to the black community and the community at large."

They also want more importance placed by the board of education on the value of community education. Wayne Root and John Walthe, Community Education coordinators, said money wasn't the hangup. They want recognition as professional administrators.

**PLANNED TO LEAVE**

McFadden said he had decided to pack up and take off, but after prayerful thought and intervention of concerned citizens he decided:

"We have problems in this town and we're going to solve the problems in this town . . . in education and in race relations. Black and white are going to have to join hands."

This was McFadden's way of saying he wanted to continue with community backing.

The session cracked with racial overtones, emotion and plain talk. The overriding issue was: "Do we want to lose community education?"

The overwhelming answer was "No," from the audience which was about 20 per cent white. There was no opposition to a motion to arrange a meeting with the board of education in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Petitions were circulated to place McFadden on the same scale as other assistant superintendents and elevate the coordinators.

McFadden's salary was pegged at \$17,300. Other assistant superintendents make from \$19,000 to \$20,500.

No members of the board of education or top administrators were present to address the crowd.

**TESTIMONIALS**

Among the testimonials: "All (school) administrators are overpaid from the top down," said Mrs. Jacqueline Zerlaut, secretary for UAW Local 793 and former member of the Berrien county social services board. She added that McFadden should be getting as

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### Community Education Meet Due

#### School Board Plans Complete Review

The Benton Harbor board of education announced today that a public meeting will be held in the near future to review the entire community education program.

Purpose will be to review the program, its content, organization and structure and its role in the Benton Harbor school system for the 1969-70 school, the board announcement said.

**DETAILS LATER**

Details of the meeting and time and place will be announced shortly.

The announcement said that the intent of the meeting will be:

"1. To review the entire program.

"2. To review who is involved in conducting the program and its relationship to the school system.

"3. To review the cost of the program and how it is funded, and

"4. To determine whether all or part of the program should be continued and by whom."

The board yesterday met with Gene McFadden, assistant superintendent for community education, to discuss a pay and emphasis dispute between the board and community education employees.

No settlement was reached, but there was general agreement the program was beneficial, according to McFadden, community education director, and Lester Page, president of the board of education.

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## 'People Fleeing BH In Fear'

## Black Leader Asks For Crisis Meeting

By TOM BRUNDRETT  
Staff Writer

Officials of the Model Cities program last night expressed concern over mounting crime and education problems in the Benton Harbor area and scheduled a crash drive to help provide possible solutions.

Warren Mitchell, chairman of the program's Citizens Steering Council, and the Rev. Silas Legg, vice-chairman, called on the council for a brainstorming survey and a special session to

see what could be developed. City commissioners, township officials, judges and police department leaders would be requested to attend the special meet.

**PEOPLE FLEEING BH**

Mitchell told the council in its meeting at Bill Knapp's restaurant, M-133, that people are actually fleeing Benton Harbor because of fear.

"This is a vital problem," said Mitchell. "There is no good having a Model Cities program

if no one is left or if the conditions continue."

The chairman cited the number of house break-ins in the Benton Harbor area in August and September as well as the fear of people against going out at night as reasons for the growing concern.

The Rev. Legg said, "We want the council to help formulate some kind of plans to help stop these problems."

The leaders said a questionnaire would be circulated

among council members to get a preliminary reading of their opinions, with the special session to follow.

In other areas, the council received capsule reports on three service projects and endorsed a request that future planning for correcting the Barnes-Hamilton drain in Benton township be incorporated into the overall Model Cities programming.

Program Administrator Benjamin Davis said a proposal to

establish a medical-health facility in the 1,236-acre program area had been reviewed with Berrien county health officials and other interested groups. Buildings were being checked, he said, to see if a location was available. The groups had offered to supply the manpower.

Melvin Farmer, human resources co-ordinator, said a program whereby mothers would agree to help pre-school

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**OL' SPLIT BILL:** Mallard duck looking out over Lake Michigan near mouth of Galien river at New Buffalo is easily recognizable to nearby residents who have nicknamed the duck "Ol' Split Bill." Duck's deformed bill was apparently caused by some type of injury. He is one of many mallards who make their home at mouth of river. (Don Wehner photo)



WARREN MITCHELL  
Model Cities Leader

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Editorial Page

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Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

Space Research  
Pays Off

No matter what great deed is done, a certain number of people have always been around to declare that for various reasons it never should have been attempted. The pioneer moon landing of Apollo 11 is no exception, even though it is unquestionably one of those turning points which will profoundly influence the future destiny of mankind. What does U. S. space achievement mean, and where should we now direct our efforts? These are questions being argued across the land and in the highest levels of government.

To complete the \$24 billion moon landing and exploration program 9 more flights to the moon are scheduled. Even as Apollo 11 left its launching pad, pressure against the U. S. space program built in many areas. A spokesman for a leading Negro civil rights group, protesting America's "... inability to choose the proper priorities," said the money spent to land a man on the moon could have wiped out hunger for 31 million poor people in the U.S.

To infer that the kind of concentrated effort and expenditure of funds, which brought success to the space program, could bring the same kind of results in solving social problems is no more valid than comparing elephants and eels. The two problems are just not the same and cannot be solved in the same way.

One concerns organizing and directing technical know-how to solve highly complex problems of engineering, navigation, chemistry, electronics, etc., most of which can be calculated down to an infinite number of decimal places.

On the other hand, social welfare, poverty, hunger, employment, ways of life, motivation and behavior are all involved in the question of poverty or of hunger, and as yet the human

New Transplant Plan

Heart transplant cases have dropped noticeably in recent months, a decline attributed by some heart surgeons to a lack of donors. Absence of more than temporary success in most cases could be a more significant factor.

While much knowledge has resulted from the heart transplants, and improved techniques since the first one have enhanced chances of survival, complications resulting from the threat of organ rejection by the body have kept survivors of more than a few months to a small number.

A Swedish surgeon who is recognized as one of his country's foremost heart specialists says he has a method which eliminates the danger of organ rejection. Remove the heart, said Dr. Lewis Werko, repair it and put it back again.

This is an interesting variation to heart transplants which presumably would eliminate the danger of tissue rejection. So far, however, no cases incorporating this technique have been reported.

Dr. Werko did salvage a diseased heart, but the patient died before the organ could be reimplanted.

It may be several years before a clear pattern of medical acceptance of any of the heart techniques thus far developed is seen, or something entirely different could come along to replace them all.

One point is obvious. The trail to some form of radical heart surgery has been blazed. The quest cannot stop now.

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mind and spirit cannot be calcu-  
lated or controlled by any com-  
puter.

As one newspaper commentary put it, "... the human problems which most need to be solved are least likely to be, in eight years or 80. The chief reason is that, for both good and ill, you can't engineer the human spirit like a Saturn rocket."

In terms of earthly human welfare, of what particular worth is the Apollo 11 flight and the space effort in general?

This question is most often answered by asking another: could there be any security for the people of the Western world if the USSR or eventually perhaps China stood on the moon while the United States did not have such capabilities in space? The disastrous implications of this have been considered so fully in the press and by the people of the United States as to need no additional discussion. U.S. competence must extend into future space developments, whether they be orbiting space stations, moon colonization or interplanetary travel.

It must also be realized that our national ability to create jobs and to fund both private and government efforts to upgrade the opportunities and living standards of all our people depend upon the continued capacity of American enterprise to innovate, to grow, to create new industries, new wealth and em-  
ploy ever greater numbers of people. The technological break-throughs in new products, new materials, whole new technolo-  
gies and techniques of training, management and manufacture, characteristic of the space pro-  
gram, have contributed immen-  
sely to this capacity and will continue to do so.

Finally, one of the most significant contributions of the space program has been to bring together in a common effort some of the most creative minds and personalities in the nation. They are the kind of people who might have been found leading covered wagon trains, pushing the first railroad across the deserts and mountains of the western United States, or associ-  
ated with men like Thomas Edison, Charles Lindbergh or the many others who in their lives advanced beyond the known boundaries of accomplishment.

The U. S. has needed a new frontier. Exploration and going beyond what was done before has been the history, the genius and the inspiration of our people. We cannot solve our earthly prob-  
lems without national pride or the confidence and spirit to excel in whatever we do. More than anything else, the opening of the frontiers of space may profoundly influence the strengthening of these qualities in the hearts of the American people.

There is a frontier of the mind to be considered.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, it was an article of faith that all of the known planets were populated.

As recently as 1938, thousands of radio listeners were terrified by Orson Welles famous broad-  
cast, "The War of the Worlds." A report by an actor in this program that a huge cylinder from Mars had landed at New Jersey had police, newspaper and radio telephone lines jammed for hours.

Welles staged the play as a hoax and for the simple purpose of publicizing his extensive tal-  
ent.

He succeeded beyond his wild-  
est dream because of the fear which the unknown sows in everyone.

Today hardly anyone believes that Mars or the other members in our solar is capable of supporting intelligent life.

Yet an earlier, widely accepted opinion that life is exclusive to our planet is fast fading.

Man is superior to other animals because he has a mind compelling him to seek what is going on about him.

Come the day when he cancels that search he will sign his own death warrant.

Switzerland's six million peo-  
ple, roughly the population of greater Chicago, support 400 newspapers, including more than 100 dailies, National Geographic says.



GLANCING BACKWARDS

LUCKY BASEBALL FANS BEAT ODDS

—1 Year Ago—  
Mrs. Jeannine Ratter is going to see Denny McLain pitch Sunday, which will mark an amazing coincidence.  
Mrs. Ratter, 1014 Market street, St. Joseph; her mother Mrs. Ted Souard, Route 3, Coloma, and her uncle, Gordon Kime, of 2063 Taube, Benton Harbor, sent for tickets for the World Series, and not only did they get the tickets, they got them in the same row, all in sequence.

FARMERS FOILED IN FIGHT WITH HIGHWAY DEPT.

—10 Years Ago—  
An Ingham County circuit court order has temporarily put a halt to the efforts of three Paw Paw farmers, who have gained state-wide fame in their fight with the state highway department.

NATION MOURNS DEATH OF AL SMITH

—25 Years Ago—  
Alfred E. Smith, 70, native of New York City's East side, four times governor of New York state and 1928 Democratic presidential candidate died today. Death came to the man who made the brown derby famous at 6:20 a.m. in Rockefeller Institute. His doctor said lung congestion and acute heart

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

- 1—Stephen Foster died a wealthy man. True or false?
- 2—Who composed the Fourteen Points?
- 3—Who was Lochinvar?
- 4—Who wrote "None But the Lonely Heart"?
- 5—Who wrote "How Green Was My Valley"?

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1899 a motor-driven vacuum cleaner was patented.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

INSATiable —(in-SAY-she-bel) — adjective; incapable of being satisfied.

YOUR FUTURE

Beware of extravagance and speculation. Today's child will be inclined to extravagance.

IT'S BEEN SAID

Love is a thing full of anxious fears.—Ovid.

BORN TODAY

Thomas Lee couldn't ever be listed as a "short" story writer. He went to "great lengths" to bring his thoughts to the reading public and he made his editors earn their salaries working on his manuscripts.

His first novel, "Look Homeward Angel," was sub-  
mitted to Max-  
well Perkins of  
Charles Scrib-  
ner's Sons.  
Working with  
Perkins, Wolfe  
was able to bring  
the novel down to some-  
where near manageable size.

After a relatively short novel, "A Portrait of Bascom Hawke" (1932), Wolfe completed another

failure were the causes.

GRAPE HARVEST

—35 Years Ago—  
Concord grapes are being harvested but a light crop is reported in some vineyards due to the hail storm of several weeks ago.

LADIES AID MEET

—45 Years Ago—  
There was a good attendance at the Congregational Ladies Aid meeting in the church parlors with Mrs. W. H. Richards and Mrs. Mabel Henderson as hostesses. Plans were made to hold the annual bazaar on Nov. 20.

CERTAIN ON SERIES

—55 Years Ago—  
Certain he has the St. Joseph

HENRY CATHCART  
Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — It is now abundantly clear that the principal political architect of the Nixon administration is Attorney General John N. Mitchell. President Nixon has turned to his former law partner, in preference to the counsel of either old friend or vice presi-  
dential days, Secretary of State

heavy manuscript, which, like his first novel, had as its hero the autobiographical Eugene Gant. After much editing, the book was published as "Of Time and the River."

His final work was done with the help of another editor, Edward C. Aswell of Harper & Brothers. Wolfe suddenly died in 1938, leaving behind him an eight-foot pile of manuscript which Aswell converted into two novels and a book of short stories.

The novels were "The Web and the Rock" and "You Can't Go Home Again." The books of short stories was entitled "The Hills Beyond."

Wolfe's "Letters to His Mother" (1943) were edited by John Terry and further collection of "Letters" in 1956 were made by Elizabeth Nowell.

Wolfe, who was a native of Asheville, N.C., was known for the intense individualism, extreme exuberance of spirit and extravagant rhetoric that served as a frame for his novels. Other characteristics of his writings were a mystical mixture of youth, sex and love for America.

Wolfe attended the University of North Carolina and studied play-writing under the well-known George Pierce Baker of Harvard.

Others born today include Gertrude Berg, Gore Vidal, St. Francis of Assisi, Emily Post, Henry Hull and Leo McCarey.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

- 1—False. He died almost destitute in the charity ward of New York's Bellevue Hospital.
- 2—President Woodrow Wilson.
- 3—A young Highlander, hero of a ballad in Sir Walter Scott's "Marmion."
- 4—Richard Llewellyn.
- 5—Richard Llewellyn.

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking  
Of Your Health

In one of your recent columns you showed the sad consequences of drunken driving. If I remember correctly, you also emphasized the frequency of private plane crashes due to alcohol. Can other illnesses be responsible for automobile injuries and death?

Mr. U.L.,  
Vermont



Dr. Coleman

Dear Mr. L.:  
The relationship between alcohol and the death-dealing weapon, the automobile, is well known. There are many case histories and records to substantiate the undeniable truth that alcohol and gasoline really don't mix.

Other causes tend to be somewhat more difficult to pinpoint. I am certain that along with physical illnesses, you were probably thinking of emotional problems and their role in the cause of severe accidents. A highly tense person or one who is emotionally distressed concentrates hard on the factors that upset him. Even though his reflexes may be active, his attention may be careless. The result is an accident which is usually difficult to explain.

There are certain diseases like chronic arthritis that limit the motion and activity of the knees and feet, even though the reflexes may be normal. The result can be an accident that is based on the split second difference caused by poor functioning of the joints.

Large numbers of accidents were studied in order to determine if sudden death by heart disease or even a mild stroke were the dominant causes. There is no question about the relationship between the two.

Unfortunately, very few

people are ready and willing to accept the limitations of age or chronic illness and give up driving an automobile. To many, the handicap of being deprived of this vital method of transportation is so great that they are willing to risk the possibility of an accident. This is markedly unfair, because on this decision may depend the lives of others who unknowingly place themselves in the path-way of such a decision. It is hoped that more rigid rules in all states will screen the licensing of automobile drivers with marked physical or emotional impairment that can threaten them or others.

Is there any sound basis for the health fad that says that sugar is the cause of arterio-sclerosis?

Mrs. G.G., West Virginia  
Dear Mrs. G.: Sometime ago a report came out that sugar might be implicated as one of the causes of hardening of the arteries. This was not long-lived and there seemed to be insufficient evidence to authenticate this possibility.

Fatty foods and cholesterol seem to be far ahead as the culprits. I never could quite understand why the few calories in sugar, a vital health food, became such an obsessive part of dietary restrictions. There are too many valid reasons for fear without seeking out this unnecessary and speculative one.

**SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH:** "I thought it wasn't loaded" is no way to cop a plea for the life that was lost when the gun was fired.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

East	South	West	North
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣			

Which card would you choose as your opening lead in each of the following four hands?

1. ♠K4 ♥Q987 ♦KJ84 ♣752
2. ♠J9742 ♥863 ♦KJ2 ♣A83
3. ♠Q853 ♥8742 ♦QK7 ♣64
4. ♠J10972 ♥5 ♣9876 ♦K72

1. Two of clubs. Generally speaking, defense is either active or passive. In some hands you attack to try to achieve the best result; in others you play possum and avoid any lead or play that is apt to cost you a trick.

Here, the danger of losing a trick by leading anything but a trump is self-evident. Partner cannot have much in high cards, and your best chance of defeating the contract lies in staying put and letting declarer work out his own salvation.

2. King of diamonds. Here aggressive action is called for. True, the king of diamonds appears to be a wild lead, since it is not backed up by the queen or ace, yet it offers by far the best prospect of beating the contract.

Basically your hope is that partner has the queen and that

you can capture three tricks by scoring a diamond, a club and a diamond ruff. Perhaps the chance of all his materializing will prove to be only a pipe dream—nevertheless the fact is that no other basis for defense is more attractive. Holding the ace of trumps, it seems sensible to attack boldly in an effort to acquire two more tricks.

3. Queen of diamonds. This time you must depend on partner for tricks, and your best chance is to try to develop a trick or two in diamonds. If partner has the king or the ace, you are well on the way to finding declarer's most likely weak spot.

The heart situation looks especially bad, and your prime effort should therefore be devoted to building up your diamond tricks before declarer can build up his heart tricks. Active defense is clearly indicated.

4. Five of hearts. There is not much hope of stopping the contract unless you can get a heart ruff. On the bidding, partner probably has a quick entry of some kind. If this is the case, a heart ruff might easily become the setting trick.

Leading the top card of a sequence is ordinarily a very desirable opening lead, but in this case, holding the K-x of trumps over declarer, a singleton lead is more likely to be effective.

BERRY'S WORLD



"He's going to change the terminology of 'New Federalism' and wants to know who's in charge of catch phrases!"



# THE HERALD-PRESS

Twin City  
News

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1969

## BENTON HARBOR TO START CURFEW MONDAY

### New Coke Plant Goes On Display

Officials Attend Ribbon-Cutting Rites In St. Joe

Twin City Coca Cola Bottling Co., Inc., will show the public its big new facility at 200 Hawthorne avenue, St. Joseph, today and Saturday after brief ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held Thursday.

Open house is scheduled for today from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and this evening from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and again Saturday from 2:30 to 6 p.m.

Yesterday at the ribbon cutting there was a nostalgic look back at the nearly 60 years Coca Cola has been bottled in St. Joseph and the 40 years it has been operated by Dickson F. Jackson.

Jackson, chairman of the board and Mrs. George Jackson, president were joined by city officials, representatives of Coca-Cola and suppliers, for the traditional ceremonies.

#### MODEL IN AUTOMATION

The new plant is a model of automation in action. The 125 by 300-foot building is located on 17 acres in the St. Joseph industrial park at the city's south border.

There are no posts in the interior of the building, to permit fast flow of products throughout the plant.

The unique feature of the Twin City Coca Cola operation is the filler and seamer for canned soft drinks. It's the only one in Michigan operated by Coca Cola. Production here will be for all parts of Michigan and northern Indiana.

Canned soft drinks, which accounted for about two per cent of production five years ago, now is up to 25 per cent and climbing steadily.

A bottling machine that empties cartons, washes, sterilizes, fills and caps bottles and reloads the cartons, shares the production area with the can machine.

The new 50,000 square foot



COKE PLANT OFFICIALLY OPENED: St. Joseph Mayor W. H. (Duke) Ehrenberg, officially opened big new Twin City Coca-Cola Bottling plant at 200 Hawthorne avenue, St. Joseph, yesterday. From left are Charles J. Cook, of Atlanta, Ga., vice president of Bubble Up Co.; Robert Starks, presi-

dent Twin City Area Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Ehrenberg; Dickson F. Jackson, chairman of the board of Twin City Coca-Cola; Mrs. George D. Jackson, president; Homer Burrows, Chicago, central area manager for Coca-Cola; and Robert J. Grimm, vice president and general manager. (Staff photo).

### Staging Of Two Plays Excellent

Theater Group Begins Season

By ARLYS DERRICK  
Women's Editor

An excellent job of staging contributed to the mood of both "The White Liars" and its companion, "Black Comedy" when the Twin City Players presented the two one-act plays Thursday night to open the 1969-70 season.

The dual production will be staged again tonight and Saturday in the St. Joseph High school auditorium at 8:30 p.m. The stage was eerie in a dim reddish light for "White Liars" and its setting of the parlour of Sophie, Baroness Lemberg, on the pier at Grimouth, a rundown seaside resort on the south coast of England.

In "Black Comedy" the setting was the apartment of Brindley Miller in South Kensington, London, providing the setting for a modern comedy about the predicaments that befall his bachelor inhabitant and the rest of the cast when a fuse is blown just before the arrival of an important visitor.

In "Black Comedy," Jim Whitcomb as Brindley Miller plays a believable young man caught in the web of his own deception; Nancy Sinclair was lovely and natural as his fiancée, Carol, and every bit the socialite her part called for; Chris Nadeau stole many of the scenes as the prim next door neighbor, Miss Farnival.

George Steffen in his portrayal of Colonel Melkett, Carol's father, was real in the charac-

### THIEVES BUSY

## SJ Policeman Gives Tips To Bike Owners

St. Joseph city police have a list of 16 bikes reported stolen in September and Lt. Ted Fleisher used the report to urge young people to lock their bikes.

Only five bikes have been recovered. Fleisher urged bike owners to get licenses which helps considerably in tracing and identifying bikes found and to always lock them. Instances of bikes being stolen while locked are rare, he said.

Many bikes are taken merely for transportation, generally stolen from near a school and then left in some other part of the city. It only takes seconds to lock a bike, Fleisher said, but it can save hours of hunting later on.

### Knights Of Columbus Due Here

Weekend Filled With Activities

Some 300 Knights of Columbus and their wives are expected in the Twin Cities this weekend for the fourteenth annual convention and exemplification for the fourth degree in the Diocese of Lansing.

Activities will be held at the Hilton Inn, M-139 and I-94, hosted by the Father Baroux assembly of the Twin City area. The fourth degree will be conferred on some 50 Knights in ceremonies starting at 2 p.m. Saturday.

A banquet and ball will be held at 9:30 p.m. Saturday. At 8 p.m. Sunday, the Knights in full dress regalia will march from Hilton Inn to mass at St. Bernard's church, Fairplain.

The Diocese of Lansing covers 12 counties in southwestern and central Michigan. The Father Baroux assembly is named in honor of Father Louis Baroux, a French priest, who was a pioneer pastor in Cass, Berrien and Van Buren counties.

### HISTORIC COVER

## Phone Directories Coming Out Oct. 8

New Benton Harbor-St. Joseph telephone directories will be delivered by Michigan Bell Telephone Company beginning Oct. 8. Harvey F. Dams, district manager, said some 82,000 directories will be delivered in Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, Berrien Springs, Coloma, Eau Claire and Watervliet.

The covers of the new telephone books feature a color reproduction of an oil painting, "The Americans Take Over Fort Mackinac." This is one in the series of historical paintings done by Robert Thom under a commission from Michigan Bell.

Although the Treaty of Paris in 1763 formally ended the Revolutionary War, British garrisons remained in western forts to protect their fur trade. General Anthony Wayne's victory at Fallen Timbers in 1794 convinced the British that eventually the Americans could capture the forts.

Wishing to remain at peace, the British agreed to withdraw Fort Mackinac was occupied by American troops on September 1, 1796.

### Youngsters Through 16 Affected

Parents Can Be Charged For Violations

Capt. Keith Mills of the Benton Harbor police department said enforcement of the city's new curfew regulations would start Monday.

Mills said the decision to pass over this weekend was made by Police Chief William McClaran after the time element was reviewed Thursday.

According to Mills, the package was to be published in this newspaper Saturday and would have been enforceable Saturday night. But the delay was okayed to work out the mechanics of enforcement and avoid confusion over the weekend.

Mills stressed that the package covered 16-year-olds and under. It was erroneously reported earlier in this newspaper that the package was for 17-year-olds also.

The new package consists of an amendment to an existing curfew code. It requires the 16-year-old and under set to be off the streets and other unsupervised public places by 10:30 p.m. on Sunday through Thursdays and 11:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

#### COULD FACE FINE

Violators may be petitioned into juvenile court and parents may face a fine and possible jail sentence if the violation occurs a second time or more often. Fines may range from \$25 to \$500. The jail time could reach 90 days.

Key sections of the changes are as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of seventeen (17) to be or remain in or upon any of the streets, alleys, playgrounds, public places or places of amusement, or other unsupervised places in the city of Benton Harbor, Michigan, between the hours of 10:30 o'clock p.m. and 6:00 o'clock a.m. of the following day on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week and 11:30 o'clock p.m. and 6:00 o'clock a.m. of the following day on Friday and Saturday of each week; provided, however, that the provisions of this section do not apply to such minor under the age of seventeen (17) years accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or other person having legal custody and control of said minor, or where the employment of said minor makes it necessary that said minor be upon said streets, alleys, playgrounds, public places, or places of amusement, or places of amusement, or other unsupervised places during the hours as set forth in Section 401.1 (above) of this ordinance. Provided, however, that the provisions of this section do not apply to a minor accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or other person having the legal care and custody of said minor, or where the employment of said minor makes it necessary that said minor be upon said streets, alleys, playgrounds, public places or places of amusement, or other unsupervised places during the night time after said specified hours.

#### PARENTS ACCOUNTABLE

"It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian or other person having the legal care and custody of a minor under the age of seventeen (17) years to allow or permit any such minor to go or be upon any of the streets, alleys, playgrounds, public places, or places of amusement, or other unsupervised places between the hours as set forth in Section 401.1 (above) of this ordinance. Provided, however, that the provisions of this section do not apply to a minor accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or other person having the legal care and custody of said minor, or where the employment of said minor makes it necessary that said minor be upon said streets, alleys, playgrounds, public places or places of amusement, or other unsupervised places during the night time after said specified hours.

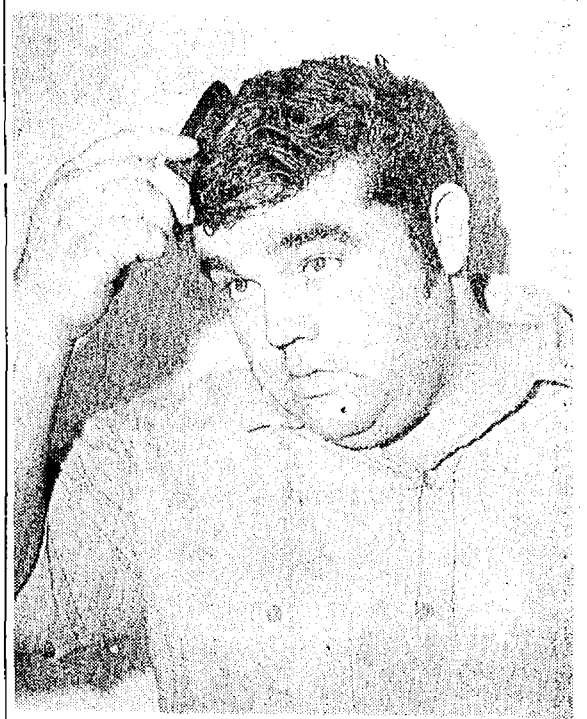
"It shall not constitute a defense hereto that the parent, guardian, or other persons having the legal care and custody of a minor who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance did not have knowledge of the presence of said minor in and upon any streets, alleys, playgrounds, public places or places of amusement, or other unsupervised places prohibited in Section 401.1 (above) hereof.

#### PILOTS RETURN

PORT HURON (AP) — Thirty-two American pilots have ended a work stoppage that threatened to paralyze foreign shipping on the Great Lakes.

#### UPJOHN BUYS LAB

KALAMAZOO (AP) — The Upjohn Co. has announced Wednesday it had acquired the E. M. Wood Diagnostic Laboratory in Tacoma, Wash., for an undisclosed amount of cash.



NEATLY TRIMMED: Beneath the shaggy hair and beard is a neat-looking Elvis Dell Gipson, 21, of Bridgman. Gipson sported long hair and beard (photo below) about a year, was shown "quite a bit of prejudice" because of it and decided last week "it was about time I got it cut." A St. Joseph barber did the honors. (Staff photo).



### BH Stores Moving To St. Joseph

Nov. 1 Goal For Meskimen, Luitje

Two Benton Harbor stores, Meskimen's Gifts and Luitje's Coins and Antiques, will open for business in St. Joseph after remodeling is finished at the former W.T. Grant building, 606-610 Ship and 203-207 State streets.

Building owner, Stock Construction company, 1121 Broad street, St. Joseph, estimates remodeling costs of \$25,000, according to a building permit issued by the St. Joseph inspection department.

Meskimen's Gifts will be located facing 203-207 State street. Store owner V.B. Meskimen says the new building will have two and a half times more space than his present store at 153 East Main street, Benton Harbor.

He expects to re-open for business the first of November in St. Joseph. His store will have 5,300 square feet compared to the 2,000 square feet of the present store.

Featured in the new gift shop will be a bridal center with 35 bridal tables displaying china, silver and stemware. The area will be carpeted and emphasis is being placed on a light, airy store to appeal to the feminine instincts, says Meskimen.

Also included in the store are modernized counters, chandeliers and two times the amount of space for china and stemware.

William Luitje said the tentative moving date for his store is Nov. 1, but a week probably would be involved in moving his antiques and coins.

His store also will have two and a half times more space than his present shop at 162 Pipestone street, Benton Harbor.

More books, both new and used, will be included at his new shop along with more little trinkets as gift items catering to the tourists in St. Joseph. He said the store would have smaller units of display stands rather than long counters, and will continue to feature his antiques, old coins, stamps and stamp supplies.

### Bridgman Man Wins Top Spot

Frank J. Mikel, of the Bridgman school board, was elected president of the Berrien County School Board association, at its annual organizational meeting held Wednesday at Ritters restaurant, Stevensville.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Leslie Hahn, St. Joseph school board, vice president; and Mrs. Dixie Pinkston of the River Valley school board, secretary-treasurer.

The Berrien County School Board Association is composed of directors or representatives from all the school boards in Berrien county. It was organized during the 1965-66 school year.

Purpose of the organization is to improve services rendered by the school districts of the county; establish good relationships between school boards and their professional and non-professional employees; and to enlighten the public of the school requirements.

The next meeting has been scheduled for noon Nov. 20 at Ritters.

### Police Recruits To Be Sought

FLINT (AP) — Representatives of the Flint Police Department will be visiting to Michigan cities within the next two weeks, seeking new recruits for the city's police force.

Police officials said the recruiting drive was necessitated by expansion of the traffic bureau of the Flint Police.

Cities to be visited by the recruiters include Big Rapids, Mount Pleasant, Saginaw, Traverse City, Muskegon, Benton Harbor, Battle Creek and Port Huron.

### DRIVER TICKETED

## Engaged Couple Hurt Critically In Crash

A couple planning to be married this Saturday was critically injured when their compact foreign car was struck in the side by another car, St. Joseph police reported. The accident occurred last night.

In poor condition at Benton Harbor Mercy hospital this morning were Steven M. Knuth, 22, of 205 Hawthorne avenue, St. Joseph, and Linda Kay Joseph, 19, of LaSalle avenue, St. Joseph. Both were admitted to intensive care.

Miss Joseph is the daughter of Benton Township Fire Lt. and Mrs. Richard Joseph, 337 Madeline avenue. Knuth joined the Benton township fire department last March, as a fireman.

Knuth, who was driving a car owned by Miss Joseph's father, was admitted to the hospital with a fractured thighbone and lacerated ear. Miss Johnson was admitted with fractured ribs, lacerated forehead and lung contusion.

Driver of the second car, Kathy Jo Johnson, 18, of 1332 Oak street, Niles, was treated for a bruised knee and lip and released. She was issued a summons by Patrolman William Beaudette for failing to yield the right of way.

Patrolman Beaudette said she was making a left turn from Lakeshore drive onto Hawthorne avenue, when the accident occurred.

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## ROMNEY MAY GO OUT AFTER HART'S SCALP

Water Plant  
Is Ahead  
Of ScheduleIt's Good News  
For South Haven  
Public Works Panel

By TOM RENNER

SOUTH HAVEN — Work on improvements to South Haven's water system could be completed as much as four months ahead of schedule, members of the Board of Public Works were told Thursday during their regular monthly meeting.

Lee Dell, resident engineer on the project, estimated that construction of a new million-gallon reservoir and improvements to the filtration plant should be completed by Feb. 15. The contract called for completion by June 25.

Dell said that work on the \$1.2 million project is 56 per cent completed.

City manager Albert Pierce told the board that he has received the first payment totaling \$253,530 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the water and sewer improvement program. The total grant was \$626,000 and Pierce predicted the remaining amount would follow soon.

In other action, the board authorized Clifton Engineering Co. of Three Rivers to prepare costs comparisons for adding a new 7,500 KVA transformer to the city's main substation on both a permanent and temporary basis.

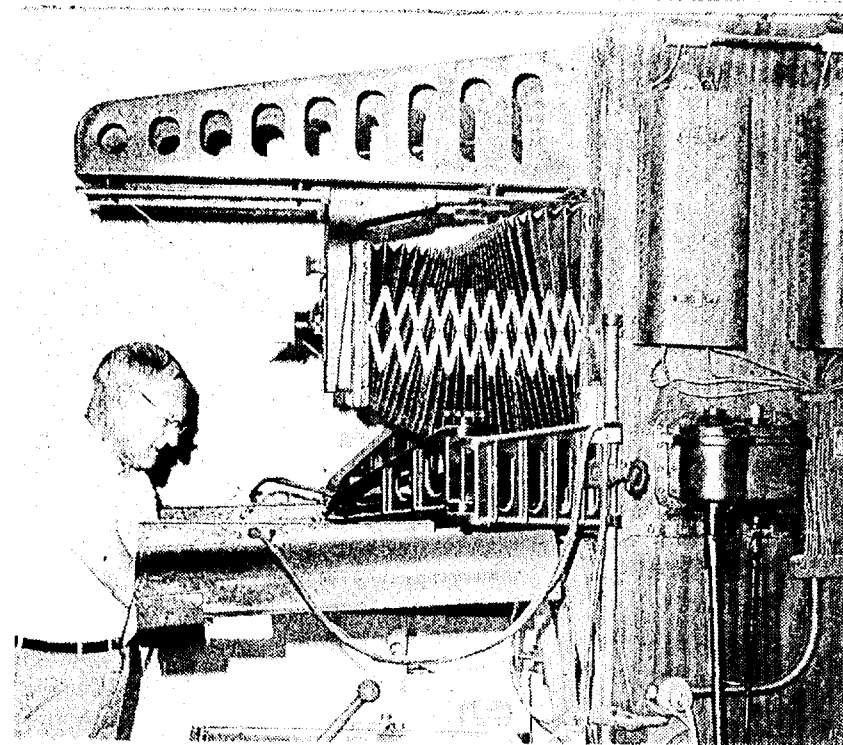
E.W. Remington of the engineering firm told the board that existing transformers at the substation could handle the city's electrical needs for at least two more years.

The additional transformer was purchased as a backup in case of an emergency and it was the opinion of some BPW members that it should be connected to the system at the present time.

The firm also agreed to present a cost estimate for updating the city's long-range electrical program.

The board authorized the city manager to call for bids for the purchase of 150 wooden power poles.

The board accepted the low bid of \$1,996.48 from Russ Hyma Chevrolet for the purchase of a pickup truck for the engineering department and the low bid of \$5,064 from Fred W. Riley Co. of Niles for 18 new transformers.



WANTED—NEW HOME: Frank Blaney, Van Buren county register of deeds is overshadowed by old but dependable photostat machine which is to be taken out of the office. Blaney is looking for a museum or some organization which could find a use for the machine which still works. (Staff photo)

Three Oaks  
Ordinance  
AdoptedWill Control  
Lot-Splitting

THREE OAKS — An ordinance prohibiting the splitting of subdivision lots here without permission of a village official was adopted last night by the Three Oaks village commission.

The ordinance will ban the sale of part of a lot without permission of the building inspector or other village official. Full council action will not be required for permission. The ordinance, to become effective after it is published, was adopted to prevent construction of buildings too close to each other.

The council also tentatively scheduled Halloween "trick or treat" night here from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 30. Bills totaling \$5,141.34 for September were approved.

River Valley School  
Enrollment Down 68

THREE OAKS—River Valley School Superintendent Harold Sauter reported that there are 2,219 students enrolled this year, compared to 2,287 last year. This is a decrease of 68 students.

Sauter said the current enrollment figures are based on the official state aid head count last Friday and mean that the district will receive \$27,744 less in state aid than last year.

Sauter said that current enrollment includes 1,147 students in kindergarten through sixth grade; 336 in middle school grades seven and eight; 674 students in grades nine through twelve; 42 students in kindergarten through eighth grade special education classes; and 20 students in high school special education classes.

School districts receive state aid on a student per capita enrollment basis. The count for state aid is taken the fourth Friday in September.

Van Buren Camp Eyes  
\$8,000 Lodge Addition

BLOOMINGDALE — A drive to raise money for the construction of an addition to the lodge at the Van Buren Youth Camp near Bloomingdale has been launched by the board of directors.

The goal is \$8,000. The project began with the construction of the basement for the addition last spring. The drive being conducted now would raise funds for the ground floor addition including a new kitchen, office and conference room. The basement will be used as a food storage and camp store.

With the new addition, the present kitchen will be taken out enabling the enlargement of

the dining room. Project leaders for the drive in various communities include Ed Seogel of South Haven; Mrs. Ed Novak, Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Art Jennings, Lawrence; Jerry Cramer, Paw Paw; Dr. James Meachum, Hartford; Charles Welch, Matawan; Don Rigozzi, Bangor; Robert Weurding, Lawton; Jay

HEARING ON I-696

LANSING (AP) — The State Highway Department has scheduled a hearing, tentatively for February, on design of part of the controversial I-696 freeway through Oakland County.

BANGOR  
Leaders Of  
Charity Drive  
Are Chosen

JIM POST

BANGOR — Jim Post has been named chairman of the board of directors of Bangor United Charities. A meeting has been scheduled in the Bangor town hall Monday at 7:30 p.m. to make plans for this year's fund raising campaign.

Serving on the board with Post are Mrs. Donald Crandall, Howard Beyer, Robert Chandler, Vincent Fritz, Ashel Miller and the Rev. Wayne Reece.

Post owns and operates the Bangor Cleaners. The Posts have a son and daughter and reside on South Center street.

Hearing On  
M-43 Project

LANSING (AP) — A public hearing over the proposed reconstruction of nearly 13 miles of M-43 in Kalamazoo and Van Buren Counties will be conducted Oct. 30 in Kalamazoo by the State Highway Department.

The hearings will begin at 8 p.m. at Grand Prairie school.

Other board members include Juanita Ball of Paw Paw; John Roosevelt, Decatur; George Wear, Kalamazoo; Ralph Patterson, Grand Junction; Al Zimmer, Bloomingdale; Jim Keeny, South Haven; Mrs. Leo J. Latus, Hartford; Mrs. Adrian Sisson, Lawrence; and Vincent Fritz, Bangor.

All members of the board are taking contributions for the project for which construction is expected to begin next spring. Those wishing more information may also contact project leaders or any member of the board.

Vandalism  
Hits Bangor  
High SchoolClasses Cancelled  
For Investigation

BANGOR — Classes at Bangor high school were cancelled today after vandals inflicted damage throughout the two-year-old building sometime during the night.

Superintendent of Schools Howard Beyer said he cancelled classes to allow police time for a complete investigation as well as for cleanup purposes.

He said the vandals forced their way into all of the administrative offices, the library, and about 12 classrooms.

"It's quite obvious that they were looking for money all the way," he said. He estimated that \$125 was taken.

The major damage was inflicted on doors as the vandals smashed windows and pried locks to gain entry. Beyer estimated damage to the building at approximately \$1,500.

Police believe the intruders climbed onto the roof of the building and then lowered themselves into a court yard to gain access to an unlocked door.

Steel bars and a wrench were taken from a shop classroom and were used to break the windows and pry open doors.

Investigation is being handled by troopers from the South Haven state police post in cooperation with Bangor city police.

SUPPORTS ROTC

LANSING (AP) — Sen. George W. Kuhn, R-Birmingham, has urged University of Michigan President Robben Fleming to support Reserve Officer Training Corps programs.

VISIT FRIENDS

INDIAN LAKE — Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Wells of Hesperia, Mich., former residents of this area, are here visiting friends.

Antique  
Machine  
Needs HomePhotostat Serves  
Van Buren County  
For Forty Years

By STEVE McQUOWN

Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Van Buren County Register of Deeds Frank Blaney is looking for a museum to which he can retire a dependable but obsolete piece of machinery.

It is a photostat machine, thought by Blaney to have been in service since about 1920.

Its motor hums, its mercury lights cast a mysterious blue hue and it takes more than a little coordination to operate the gadgetry.

It towers above Blaney and is connected to a darkroom into which its photostat copies are fed to be developed by the operator.

At least, that was the process until the county purchased \$10,000 worth of micro-filming equipment which has been the beginning of the end for the photostat machine.

GOING TO JUNK IT

"As far as I know, we are going to junk it (the machine)," said Blaney. "I would think some museum might be interested in it," he added.

He said that since 1949, when he was first elected, salesmen and repairmen have told him that the machine is unique, that apparently only a few of the metal-limbed, upright giants were manufactured.

The machine cost "about \$3,500" when new, Blaney said. He said it has been dependable, but because of its size, and the size of the photostats it produces, it is obsolete.

He cited these facts:

—Photostat paper costs about \$43 per 300-foot-long rolls. The county was spending some \$1,500 per year on the paper. A hundred feet of micro-film costs about \$5.25. Film costs are about \$50 per year.

—A binder in which photostats are kept costs \$32. A dozen plastic sheets of micro-filming, each five inches by eight inches and costing 12 cents, will hold the same information as several hundred 9 1/2 by 13-inch sheets of photostats.

SAVES MONEY

Not only does the micro-filming save the county money, said Blaney, but it will also preserve for an indefinite period much-needed space in the office vault.

## NEW HEADQUARTERS

Berrien Intermediate  
To Have Open House

The public is invited to an open house and tours Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the new Berrien Intermediate district headquarters on US-31 just north of Berrien Springs.

The headquarters, a \$560,000 contemporary one-story brick structure housing 40 intermediate employees, was occupied last April 1. It replaced cramped rented quarters in St. Joseph.

The building will be dedicated at 2 p.m. by the Rev. William Wurzel, pastor of United Methodist church, Berrien Springs, and building keys will be presented by Architect Terry Bennett of Trend and Associates, Kalamazoo, to Intermediate Board President Ralph Lehman of Niles.

Lehman and Intermediate Board Vice President Lawrence Peachey of Eau Claire are expected to offer remarks.

Refreshments will be offered.



SMALL PACKAGE: Frank Blaney pulls file from drawer of micro-film cabinet which can hold the equivalent of all records now stored in register of deeds vault. (Staff photo)

Van Buren county is the fourth county in Michigan to switch to the micro-filming technique, he said.

So the photostat machine is in its last days at the courthouse, and unless somebody claims it, it's in its last days as a workable piece of machinery.

But the durability of the machine, and the guarantee of free lifetime service that came with it, stand as irrefutable testimony for the good old days, according to Blaney.

By comparison, he said, not too long ago a \$1.84 socket on a newer machine had to be replaced. After a repairman charged mileage and labor, the bill came to \$31.

HOSPITAL PATIENT

DECATUR — Ward Knoll of East St. Mary's street is a medical patient at University hospital in Ann Arbor.

ATTORNEY ILL

DECATUR — Atty. Warren Grosvenor remains hospitalized at Lake View Community hospital, where he was taken early in September following a heart attack.

Subdivision  
Residents  
Seek LightsChikaming Board  
Plans Hearing

LAKESIDE — The Chikaming township board last night accepted petitions from residents of Orchard Beach subdivision who are seeking a special assessment district for street lighting.

Chikaming Township Supervisor Herbert Seeder said a public hearing on the matter will be held probably within ten days, with the 53 families involved being notified by letter. More than 50 per cent of the subdivision families signed the petition, it was reported.

The board took no action on a request that Chikaming township purchase the Lakeside school building for use as a community center. The request was made by Edmund Brown of the Lakeside Improvement association. The school building, not now in use, is owned by the River Valley school district. No cost estimates regarding the building were included in the improvement association's request, it was reported.

Park Honors  
Veteran Worker

LANSING (AP) — A roadside park on U.S. 2 west of M-77 in Schoolcraft County has been named to honor Edward Wickholm of Escanaba, retiring this month after 42 years with the State Highway Department. Wickholm, who will be 70 Sunday, is a right-of-way engineer in the Escanaba office. He is the department's second oldest employee in years of service.

Senatorial  
Election  
Next YearFormer Governor  
Considers Leaving  
Nixon Cabinet Job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans generally reacted with enthusiasm Thursday over an indication by former Michigan Gov. George Romney that he may run for the Senate next year against Sen. Philip Hart, D-Mich.

Asked by newsmen if he felt tempted to step down as secretary of housing and urban development and enter the Senate race, Romney replied:

"I haven't completely closed the door."

EXCELLENT CANDIDATE

Told of Romney's statement, Rep. Gerald Ford, R-Mich., House minority leader said the former governor would be "an excellent candidate for the Senate."

"I'm delighted to know he has not foreclosed the possibility of running," Ford said.

Rep. Donald Riegle Jr., R-Mich., said:

"If he decided to run, he would be an excellent candidate and, if elected, an outstanding senator."

Riegle is known to be considering seeking the Republican senatorial nomination for himself, but he said if Romney runs



GEORGE ROMNEY

he would not oppose him in the primary.

When asked about speculation that he might seek the Senate position, Romney said:

"Well, I'm not doing anything in that connection. I haven't completely closed the door. I'm not doing anything about it—I'm not seeking it or anything..."

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nixon administration is committed to pushing the Model Cities urban-aid program "as fast as possible," Secretary of Housing George Romney said Thursday. "There is no cutback or reduction of emphasis on Model Cities programs," Romney said at a news conference.

SPENDING LOSS  
The secretary called the conference, he said, to correct some misunderstandings over recent disclosures that an estimated \$215 million loss will be spent on Model Cities this year than originally planned.

He said he has sent telegrams to all 150 communities in 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico that are participating in the program to eliminate slum blight through one concentrated plan.

Romney said he offered them assurances that the scope of the program will be maintained and all funding commitments honored.

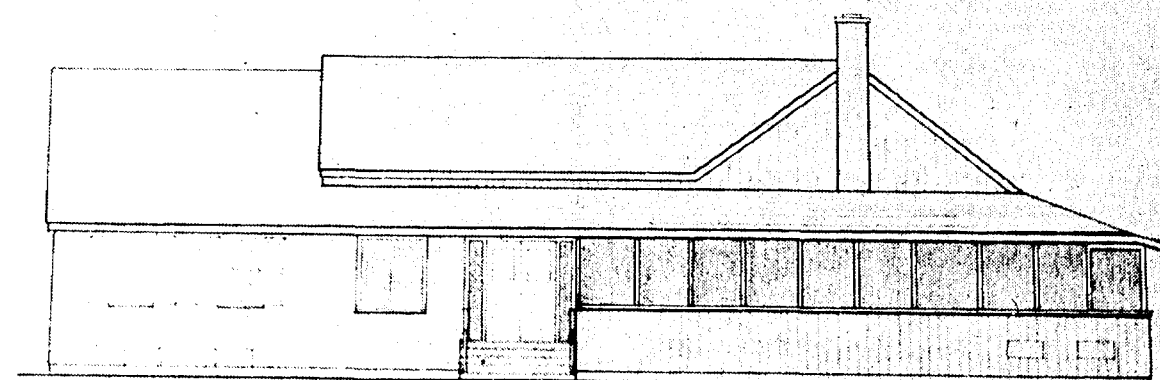
This is the first year for Model Cities communities to implement plans funneling into target slum neighborhoods all the renewal that federal-local money can buy.

BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS  
Funding has been slowed, Romney said, by a combination of bureaucratic delays in Washington and a slower response from cities than expected.

He said communities with the best model cities plans will receive funding priority.

"We believe the programs of effectiveness will be increased if we're somewhat more selective in the way we allocate money," Romney said.

Some 46 cities have now moved out of the planning phase into implementation.



EXPANDED LODGE: The board of directors at the Van Buren Youth Camp near Bloomingdale is conducting a drive for funds to complete the expansion of the camp lodge. The basement of the addition was completed last spring. The addition

as shown in this elevation drawing begins at the front doors and goes to the left. To be included in the addition are a new kitchen, office and conference room.